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In re Application of: **HIROKI  
KITAHORI ET AL.**

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For: **DISK DEVICE AND DATA-  
ERASING METHOD**

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This Amendment is submitted in response to the Notice mailed on February 25, 2004, which references the Office Action dated December 18, 2003, with a shortened statutory period ending March 18, 2003. Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

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